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to LB 1135. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay.
Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment to the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. For debate on the committee amendments to LB 1135, Senator Brown. Senator Janssen. Senator Schimek, recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just a quick one-liner. This amendment takes out of the bill those commissions and boards that the committee, after receiving further information, decided should not be sunset at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1135. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. Debate on the advancement of LB 1135? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the body, I support LB 1135. I would remind everyone of what we do in Appropriations and how difficult it is sometimes to control costs, and most of the boards that we're talking about here obviously are not boards that are appropriated money or commissions. But, last year, in developing the budget, the average amount that was asked for by commissions in terms of increases in their budgets was around 25 percent. You can imagine...commissions make up a very small part of our budget, but you can imagine how difficult it is to try to control the growth when you have that kind of a growth within a certain sector of the budget, and so I think that at least being able to sunset the ones that are not active is one step. I think having...scrutinizing the establishment of commissions even...even more closely is very important. I also wanted to let you know that on Select File I will be bringing an amendment